

**Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School**  
**School Council AGM Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**In person/ On Line**

In Attendance: Curtis T, Aaron K, Janice E, Kerry B, Ashley D, Rebecca G, & Serena Shaw  
On line:

**Welcome and acknowledgement-** Kerry B

**Truth and Reconciliation statement** Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board and VJM School Council acknowledge that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of treaty 6, and on the Homeland of the Metis Nation. We knowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

**Prayer** – Aaron K

**Guest Introduction:** Everyone was welcomed

**House Keeping:** Still looking for a few members to join council, President, Vice President, & Secretary. Asked if anyone would like to take notes for the meeting and Janice agreed.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Rebecca G

**Adoption of prior meeting minutes:** Ashley D

**Trustee Report:** Serena S joined us for the meeting. Highlights from December 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting; more information attached. Action Items

- Programming and Grade Configuration Engagement What We Heard Report  
Presenting this report will be Tannis Topolnisky, Public Engagement Facilitator

Report from the Superintendent

- 2023-2024 Fall Budget Update
- Field Trip Activity Report
- Board Policy 7: Board Operations Analysis

**Administration Report-**

1. Catholic School Review
  - a. Nov 20-22
  - b. Parents staff and students all interviewed, Senior leadership was impressed with the Catholic education student are receiving at VJM. Our parents were called based on the student population. All feedback and comments were positive. Students were also randomly chosen. Leadership was impressed by the knowledge our school community demonstrated about our mission and vision. A key take away from the meeting was that we could be more visible in our faith representation.
2. Catholic Education Sunday
  - a. Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> VJM was well represented during mass and it was nice to see students and parents in attendance
3. Dance Competition

- a. Was on Thursday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> this year. We started our day with an Advent liturgy streamed virtually from our Chapel, Teacher Elizabeth Montague, Curt McDougall and Chad Pidhaichuk were the team lead that organized the liturgy. Our religion lead teacher, Harland Klak, lead us through the Gospel reading and a few of our students lead us through our first reading, second reading and prayer intentions. The Dance competition was a great way to show kids' talents and get them out of their comfort zones, we had 6 judges. A few groups for the first time ever got a perfect score.
4. Feeder School
  - a. Curtis and Aaron went to our feeder schools to share our Christmas video and deliver some VJM swag for students.
  - b. Grade 6 basketball games on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We are tentatively planning to invite our grade 6 students to VJM after school to watch our senior teams play W.D Cuts. We are looking to arrange bussing from the feeder schools to VJM and have prizes during halftime and in between games.
5. December Leadership Activities
  - a. PJ Day
  - b. Guess the movie
  - c. Hide and seek "candy cane edition"
  - d. Ugly Sweater Day
  - e. VJM Staff Christmas video "Barbie Inspired"
6. Basketball
  - a. Teams are in full swing. In December, our boys team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Holiday Hoops Tournament in Spruce Grove, while our girls took home the Consolation prize.
  - b. SAPEC tournament coming up for the senior teams this weekend
  - c. Junior teams are made and are working hard to improve their skills
7. New semester beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> & option changes forms are available Monday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> to Jan 26<sup>th</sup>
  - a. All of our semester 1 options will be coming to an end
  - b. Students will be able to request to change their options (with parent permission)
  - c. Options for next years option classes. This is currently being discussed and your input is needed
    - i. Currently we offer 6 options per semester however by grade 9 the interested has dwindled
    - ii. Considering offering grade 7 kids 6 options and grades 8 and 9 fewer options but for a long amount of time; more like trimesters with 2 options
      1. Sept-Nov
      2. Dec-Mar
      3. April- June
    - iii. Also looking at offering literacy and numeracy blocks in place of options
8. Teacher Convention
  - a. February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> this year our teacher will be looking forward to some Professional development and time spent with colleagues. We are hopefully going to be able to organize a staff meal on one of the days.

- b. Students can enjoy an extra extra long weekend
- 9. Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Liturgy
  - a. On Shrove Tuesday (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>), we will be serving pancakes a school. Rebecca Scobie organizes teachers and parent volunteers to help assist in making pancakes for 476 students.
  - b. If you are able to come and help out for sometime, it would be greatly appreciated
  - c. Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the VJM Gym at 10:45 AM. This liturgy will be planned by Levi Brandon, Tristan Brass and Jodie Radtke. All parents are invited and welcome to attend.

**Chairperson Report-**

- Kerry thanked the staff appreciation committee for hosting the staff appreciation event.

**Committee Reports/Updates-**

- A) Partners in Prayer:
  - Dec 22, final prayer over the kids
- B) Staff Appreciation
  - The last event went well
  - The teachers liked the event during parent teacher interviews
  - Next teacher appreciation will take place March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Additional Items/New Business-**

- ASCE grant update-narrow down date options – Danielle Reed
  - Event will take place Tues Feb 27<sup>th</sup>  
Starting at 6:30 pm @ VJM
- ASCA Conference (April 26-27) and AGM (April 28) – save the date
  - Need a parent to attend on behalf of VJM
  - The AGM is on line if anyone wants to join in- if you want to become a port of the board the commitment is only about 10-20 hours per month
  - They will be hosting their 1<sup>st</sup> annual golf tournament in the spring
  - They take nominations for parents or school councils to win awards. You can nominate a parent or school council that stands out or those that go above and beyond

**Next meeting** Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm